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THE THIRTIETH MAN.

The president of the College of the City of New York finds that one person in every 30 adults in the United States holds public office of some degree, "a public servant who is going up and down in some vicarious capacity for the other 29." So large an estimate of the proportion of functionaries to the total adult population, male and female, seems surprising until the variety and bulk of the classifications is considered, says the Providence Journal. School teachers, for example, must be counted, while the development of public hygiene, of sociological enterprises, or the pure food laws, readily come to mind among elements newly expanding the public service and employing a growing host of performers of vicarious duties. Dr. Finley submits a partial directory of the thirtieth man. He is the man who sweeps the streets as well as the one in the White House. He gathers and distributes the letters; forecasts heat and cold; tastes the milk before the child may drink it; keeps watch over forest and stream; is supervisor, doctor, nurse and guard in hospital, prison and almshouse; is mayor, judge, sheriff, sailor and soldier, public librarian, collector of taxes, guardian to the child who comes friendless into the world and chaplain at the burial of the man who goes friendless out of it; and so on.

Experts of the federal hospital service have been compiling data from the census reports that make a striking showing of the cost of disease in this country and emphasize the necessity of more rigid enforcement, particularly in cities, of laws and regulations designed to safeguard the public health. Tuberculosis is stated to cost this country in the value of lives destroyed, \$250,000,000 a year and the mere expenses in medicine, food, medical attendance and loss of wages is \$90,000,000 annually, says the St. Paul Pioneer Press. The census reports estimate the value of the 33,000 lives lost annually from typhoid fever at \$212,000,000. The experts estimate that the total loss from contagious diseases, including tuberculosis, is \$750,000,000 a year, of which 40 per cent, or \$300,000,000, is preventable. The cost of prevention would be a mere fraction of the cost of preventable diseases and there should be no false economy in expenditures for the campaign against contagion. The health of the people is the greatest asset of the nation.

The thoughtful observer, especially if his journey leads him to very distant lands, will not return boastful, but he will be grateful. The weighty problem of assimilation seems heavier when one thinks on the possibilities of making American citizens of those people now coming here as he contemplates them in the place of origin. The esthetics of a European journey are a delight. But on American village outweighs an Alhambra in the scales of opportunity and of humanity.

A citizen of Denver whose appendix recently was removed, is awakened at 5 o'clock every morning by the void left by the operation. Owing to the cheapness of alarm clocks, however, the practice is not likely to become general.

A Massachusetts man reports having hatched eight eggs from a dozen cold storage eggs. Poor story. An original liar, like the Winsted genius, would have had the chicks wearing earmuffs and mittens.

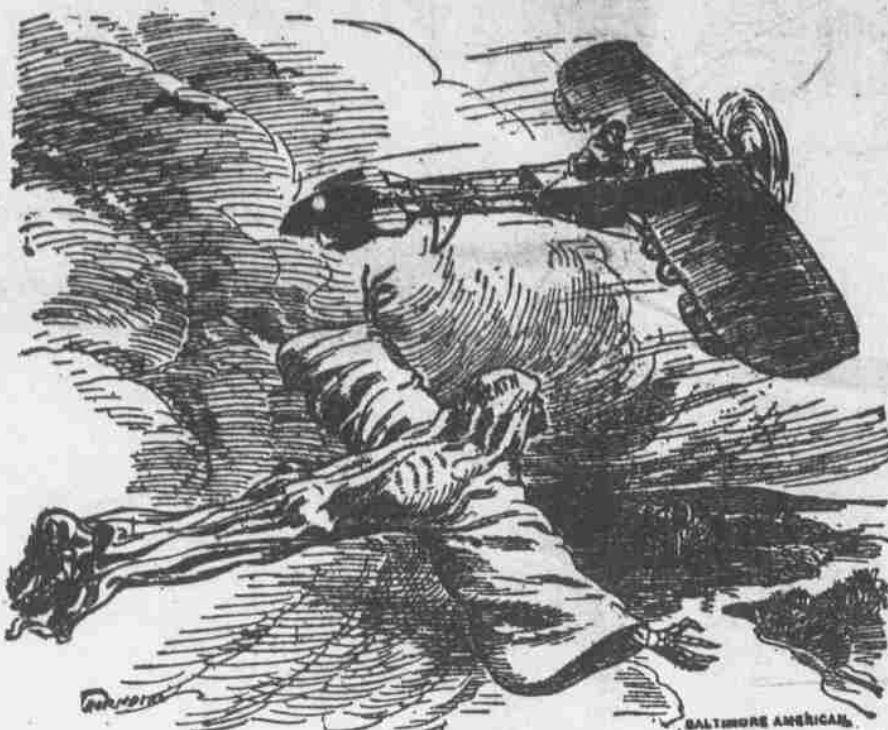
In Prussia a governmental decree has been issued against long batpins on railroad trains. The authorities think it would be well to have room for something else in the cars.

Thousands of marriages by a justice of the peace in Chicago have been declared illegal, but the legality of Chicago divorces remains unquestioned after years of notoriety.

In days to come the fool who rocks the boat will be succeeded by the fool who rocks the aeroplane. They are somewhat alike, only one is more so.

If the professor would push aside psychology and get down to common sense he might be able to understand why women conceal their ages.

THE AIR RACE--WHICH WINS?



ENID'S UNIQUE CELEBRATION

THEY BURIED THE KNOCKER'S HAMMER AND ARE HAPPY.

Successful Conclusion of a Campaign Against Local Kickers—First of its Kind in State.

Enid, Oklahoma.—Enid, retarded by dissension, began a campaign this summer to overcome factions by uniting them on the plan to build a packing plant by the sale of lots. The successful conclusion of the campaign was the occasion for an immense hammer celebration, the first to be held in the state.

The hammer was suggested at the weekly Wednesday dinner of the chamber of commerce. The hammer was 30 feet long, ten feet high and was made out of a wooden frame covered with strawboard and wrapped with black cloth. The funeral car was a wide truck draped in black and white drawn by four horses. The parade was made up of grotesque features typical of the burial of the hammer of the Enid knocker.

One big draft horse was hitched up with a shetland pony, the big one labeled Booster and the little one Knocker, signifying that Booster pulls the load.

Almost every business firm in the city was represented by floats.

PRINTERS FAVOR ARBITRATION

Convention at Frisco Adopts Liberal Policy Toward the Employers.

San Francisco, Cal.—The 57th annual convention of the International Typographical union ended here after the administration wing of the union, which favors a liberal policy in dealing with employers and the avoidance of strikes so far as possible, had been sustained in every issue coming before the convention.

The most important work of the convention was the adoption of a tentative arbitration contract, liberal in its provisions, to be submitted to the American Newspaper Publishers' association January 1; the decision to resubmit the vote abolishing piece work to a referendum; the raising of the number of union petitions required to initiate legislation from 50 to 100; the voting of a per capita assessment of 25 cents for the defense of John J. and James B. McNamara; the passing of resolutions urging drastic Asiatic exclusion laws, and the decision not to invest the old-age pension funds in bonds, but to keep that for fighting resources.

World Altitude Record Broken.

Chicago, Illinois.—Oscar A. Brindley set a new altitude mark for aviators in America by arising 11,000 feet in a biplane. A world's record depends on the correction for temperature for the barograph, which may either increase or decrease these figures by not more than 200 feet. Experts at the international aviation meet declared that Brindley's flight probably would prove to be the highest point ever reached by an aeroplane.

Mail Car Robbed in Texas.

Houston, Texas.—A. L. Neitzen, postal clerk in charge of the mail car attached to a Missouri, Kansas & Texas passenger train leaving Houston was held at bay by a masked man when the train stopped at Houston Heights, a suburb, while another masked man gathered up the available mail.

Kansas Crushed by a Motor.

Larned, Kansas.—Emery Fravel, formerly a motor racer, was crushed in a collision between two motor cars in a sociability run here and probably will die.

THE ENGLISH STRIKE IS SETTLED

Differences Will be Adjusted by Joint Commission of Five, Named by Men and Managers.

London, Eng.—The settlement of the strike was reached at a conference between David Lloyd George, the chancellor of the exchequer, and the executives of the men's societies. The labor leaders said that the men would return to work at once.

A joint committee of five members, composed of two representatives of the railway companies, two of the men and a non-partisan chairman, will be appointed to investigate the working of the conciliation act of 1907, which the men assert is the root of all their grievances. This device overcomes the men's objections to a royal commission, which they contend always has been, in practice, a synonym for delay.

So far as technical advantages in the compromise goes, it appears to be in men's favor, particularly as the managers consent to meet their representatives.

CENTRAL ROAD IS SELECTED

Missouri's Official State Road Will Follow Santa Fe Trail—Will Cross River at Glasgow.

Jefferson City, Missouri.—The trail blazed by pioneers, the Boone's Lick road and Santa Fe trail, is to be the official cross-state highway of Missouri.

The central route, which follows these historic trails closely across the state, was chosen by the state board of agriculture.

The hardest fight of the day came after the central route had been chosen to decide where it should cross the Missouri river. There is no wagon bridge at either Glasgow or Booneville.

Both towns promised steam ferry service, with a promise of active steps toward obtaining a bridge. The board finally put Glasgow on the official highway instead of Booneville, but reserved the right to switch to Booneville should Glasgow fall down on its service across the river.

CHEERING IN HOUSE OF LORDS

When Veto Bill Became a Law First Demonstration in History Took Place in House.

London, England.—The veto bill, limiting the powers of the upper chamber over legislation originating in the house of commons, which resulted in one of the most serious legislative conflicts in the history of the country, became a law when the king's assent thereto was given through a royal commission in the house of lords.

When the royal assent was signified the members of the lower house present broke out in loud cheering. A demonstration on their part had never before been heard in the upper chamber.

Conductor Forfees Death.

Moberly, Missouri.—An hour after telling his wife he was afraid to go out on his run because of a premonition of danger, Charles Walker, a Wabash conductor, was dead in Wabash hospital here. He was struck by an engine while checking up his train.

Frisco Train Jumps Track.

Rogers, Arkansas.—St. Louis & San Francisco train No. 4, from St. Louis to Galveston, was wrecked 12 miles north of here at 7:30 p. m. No one was fatally injured.

House Fails to Pass Wool Bill.

Washington, D. C.—A motion to pass the wool bill in the house over the president's veto lost 127 to 123, a two-thirds vote being required.

ATWOOD BECAME LOST IN AIR

SERIOUS SETBACK IN ATTEMPT TO BREAK RECORD.

Lost Sight of Railroad and Wasted an Hour Hunting for Auburn.

Syracuse, New York.—Lost with his aeroplane in trying to fly from Lyons, N. Y., to Auburn, 25 miles, Harry N. Atwood, the Boston aviator, who is flying from St. Louis to New York, wandered about in the air for almost an hour and finally was forced by darkness to land five miles west of Syracuse.

The delay caused a serious setback in the attempt he is making to break the world's record in cross country aeroplane flying.

Atwood said that in his wanderings he had flown at least 75 miles, but could claim for his record only the 40 miles between Lyons and Belle Island. His total flying time was one hour and 28 minutes.

RAILROAD MUST PAY FOR TIMBER

Suit First Filed in 1902 Against D. & R. G. Results in Verdict for Government.

Denver, Colorado.—By a decision handed down by Federal Judge R. E. Lewis, the Denver & Rio Grande railroad will have to pay a large sum to the government for timber trespasses committed years ago, when the road was built.

The government filed suit in 1902 alleging that the road took unfair advantage of the grant of 1872, which permitted it to cut trees from adjacent public lands for the building of its roadbed.

The government estimated the value of the timber illegally taken at \$10,000,000, and Judge Lewis announced that he would appoint a master to determine the exact value of the timber.

ARMY MEN FLY TO ENCAMPMENT

Aeroplane Makes Forty-Two Miles in Forty-Seven Minutes, Carrying a Passenger.

Frederick, Maryland.—Dashing through the air at almost a mile-a-minute a United States army aeroplane came into this city from College Park, Md., bearing Capt. C. DeF. Chandler and Lieut. H. H. Arnold, two of the army's corps of aviators, on one of the longest trips yet made by a government machine carrying a passenger. The two officers covered the 42 miles between the army aerodrome at College Park, near Washington, and this city in 47 minutes. The trip was arranged to demonstrate the practicability of the aeroplane in army maneuvers in connection with the District of Columbia national guard encampment here.

Edison in a Moving Picture.

Paris, France.—In the Bois de Boulogne, a moving picture man waylaid Thomas A. Edison and asked him to pose for a French cinematograph. Mr. Edison laughed and consented. It will be the first time he has ever been shown in moving pictures, which he invented.

Blackmailing Charges Fail.

Columbia, Missouri.—Floyd T. Brooks, arrested some time ago on the charge of blackmailing J. W. Brockman, was released from the county jail for lack of evidence to connect him with the case.

Union Pacific to Lay Off 2,500.

Omaha, Nebraska.—Because the Harriman railroads have made no money for the last ten months, a general order for retrenchment has gone out and the Union Pacific railroad will lay off 2,500 employees.

ATTEMPTED TRAIN WRECK FAILS

Spike on Frisco Track Near Garfield, Ark., Derails Only the Engine.

Springfield, Missouri.—Train wreckers made an unsuccessful attempt to ditch "The Texan" the Frisco's fast train to the Southwest near Garfield, Ark. A spike was placed on a rail only a short distance from the place where "The Texan" was wrecked and Engineer John Schappeler lost his life recently. The trucks of the engine left the tracks, but none of the passengers coaches were derailed and no person was injured.

Members of the train crew made an investigation and found a big spike which they are certain caused the derailment.

A Monument to Murdock.

Eldorado, Kansas.—A movement has been started here to erect a fountain in the court house grounds in memory of Thomas Benton Murdock.

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Evelyn—But when it comes to love-making Harold is rather green, isn't he?

Myrtle—Not now. Evelyn—Indeed! Myrtle—No, he's blue; I rejected him last evening.

Birds of a Feather. "What's the bill for fixing my motor car?" asked the strange patron. "It figures up to \$110, sir," replies the garage man.

"Whew! I'll have to give you a check. I left all my money in my drug store."

"Why, are you a druggist?" "Yes."

"Oh, in that case the bill will be a dollar and a quarter. We fellows ought to stand together."

And a Fight Followed. Hewitt—It's a lucky thing that I'm a believer in universal peace. Jewett—Why so?

Hewitt—Because I can lick any man in the place.

Firmness is feminine and obstinacy is masculine—so says a woman.

GET POWER. The Supply Comes From Food.

If we get power from food why not strive to get all the power we can. That is only possible by use of skillfully selected food that exactly fits the requirements of the body.

Poor fuel makes a poor fire and a poor fire is not a good steam producer. "From not knowing how to select the right food to fit my needs, I suffered grievously for a long time from stomach troubles," writes a lady from a little town in Missouri.

"It seemed as if I would never be able to find out the sort of food that was best for me hardly anything that I could eat would stay on my stomach. Every attempt gave me heartburn and filled my stomach with gas. I got thinner and thinner until I literally became a living skeleton, and in time was compelled to leave my bed.

A few months ago I was persuaded to try Grape-Nuts food, and it had such good effect from the very beginning that I have kept up its use ever since. I was surprised at the ease with which I digested it. It proved to be just what I needed.

"All my unpleasant symptoms, the heartburn, the inflated feeling which gave me so much pain disappeared. My weight gradually increased from 88 to 116 pounds, my figure rounded out, my strength came back, and I am now able to do my housework and enjoy it. Grape-Nuts food did it." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

A ten days' trial will show anyone some facts about food.

Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears every day for food. They are genuine, true, and full of honest facts.